

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
November 7, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM PRESIDING

PRESENT: **COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS
COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER JR.
COUNCIL MEMBER TERESA R. MACALUSO
COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH
MAYOR GRAHAM**

ALSO PRESENT: **MARY M. CORRIVEAU, CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT J. SLYE**

City staff present: Jim Mills, Kurt Hauk, Elliott Nelson, Gary Pilon, Chief Dale Herman, Amy Pastuf, Melanie Rarick, Michael Sligar, Brenda Harwood

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- Approving “Greater Fort Drum Region Encroachment Prevention Tools” Workshop on November 16, 2011 as Valid Training for Meeting the New York State Municipal Planning and Zoning Officials’ Training Requirement
- Reappointment of City Constable, Patricia J. Hennegan
- Reappointment of Deputy City Constable, Michael J. Hennegan
- Reappointment to Board of Ethics, Mary M. Corriveau
- Reappointment to Board of Ethics, Rande S. Richardson
- Reappointment to Board of Ethics, James D. St. Croix
- Reappointment of Board of Ethics, Frank A. Seminerio
- Reappointment to Board of Ethics, Arthur C. Stever III
- Reappointment to Community Action Planning Council, Thomas J. Bruno
- Reappointment to Community Action Planning Council, Christina E. Stone
- Reappointment to Community Action Planning Council, Stanley Zaremba
- Re-Approving Change Order No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement for Interoperable Communications, Blue Wing Services, Inc.

- Approving Water Treatment Agreement Between The City of Watertown and the Development Authority Of the North Country
- Approving Extension of Administrative Services Agreement By and Between POMCO and the City of Watertown Self-Funded Health Insurance Program
- Approving Pharmacy Services Agreement By and Between ProAct and the City of Watertown Self-Funded Health Insurance Program
- Approving Professional Services Agreement with CRA Infrastructure and Engineering, Inc. for Water Treatment Plant Filter Media Rehabilitation
- An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$600,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of the Replacement of Complex Media Filters at the ~~Waste~~ Water Treatment Plant, in and for Said City
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Disinfection System Design
- October 20, 2011 Letter From NYS Small Business Development Center
- The Greater Watertown North Country Chamber of Commerce – Nominations for the 60th Annual Israel A. Shapiro Citizenship Award
- Tree Watertown Media Release

Complete Reports on file in the office of the City Clerk

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 17, 2011 and the adjourned meeting of October 24, 2011 were dispensed and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

A claim against the City was received from Patricia Hinckley, Cape Vincent but owner of rental property at 527 Hamlin Street, for reimbursement of \$977.77 for repairs to a broken sewer line on City property.

A claim against the City was received from Noreese E. Bell, 435 Hycliff Drive, claiming Watertown City Police Officer misconduct, false arrest, use of excessive force, harassment and assault stemming from an incident on August 4, 2011

Above claims have been referred to the Board of Audit.

A letter was received from Sukhvinder Chhokar, 268 Arsenal Street, offering to purchase the property at 111 South Orchard Street. Copies of this offer were given to Council, the City Manager and the City Comptroller.

A letter was received from Sam Ratnaransy, 534 Pearl Street, asking the City to take back the property at 507 Cross Street which he acquired through a tax sale certificate. Copies of this letter were given to Council and the City Manager.

Above communications were placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Graham interrupted the regular course of business to present Greg Richards, Papa Johns with the Fire Service Award and City Coin. Chief Dale Herman explained that Papa Johns helped with the Safe At Home Program by contributing \$250 to purchase smoke detectors as well as offered free pizza delivery for households having a working smoke detector.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Robert Reczko, 812 Academy Street addressed the chair asking to set up a mobile hot dog stand during the lighting of the tree ceremony.

Mayor Graham stated that this is a permit item and should be addressed with the City Clerk's office and the City Manager's office.

RESOLUTIONS

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

WHEREAS Chapter 662 of the New York State Laws of 2006, which took effect on January 1, 2007, requires all municipal planning and zoning officials to have four hours of training per year, and

WHEREAS the training must be approved by the City Council before it can be used to meet their training requirement, and

WHEREAS the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization, Jefferson County Department of Planning, New York State Tug Hill Commission and the Center for Community Studies at JCC are co-sponsoring a workshop entitled “Greater Fort Drum Region Encroachment Prevention Tools” for local planning officials on November 16, 2011 at Jefferson Community College,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that the “Greater Fort Drum Region Encroachment Prevention Tool” workshop is approved to provide two hours of training toward meeting the New York State municipal planning and zoning officials’ training requirement

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting yea

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed as City Constable for the City of Watertown, for a one-year term expiring on December 31, 2012:

Patricia J. Hennegan
16820 Dry Hill Road
Watertown, New York 13601

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed as Deputy City Constable for the City of Watertown, for a one-year term expiring on December 31, 2012:

Michael J. Hennegan
16820 Dry Hill Road
Watertown, New York 13601

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the City of Watertown's Board of Ethics for a one-year term expiring on December 31, 2012:

Mary M. Corriveau
1350 Loomus Drive
Watertown, New York 13601

Seconded by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith and carried with all voting yea

Introduced by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the City of Watertown's Board of Ethics for a one-year term expiring on December 31, 2012:

Rande S. Richardson
269 Flower Avenue West
Watertown, New York 13601

Seconded by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith and carried with all voting yea

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the City of Watertown's Board of Ethics for a one-year term expiring on December 31, 2012:

James D. St. Croix
636 Davidson Street
Watertown, New York 13601

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the City of Watertown's Board of Ethics for a one-year term expiring on December 31, 2012:

Frank A. Seminerio
722 Nellis Street
Watertown, New York 13601

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the City of Watertown's Board of Ethics for a one-year term expiring on December 31, 2012:

Arthur C. Stever III
304 Paddock Street
Watertown, New York 13601

Seconded by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith and carried with all voting yea

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the Jefferson County Community Action Planning Council for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2013:

Thomas J. Bruno
148 Francis Street
Watertown, NY 13601

Seconded by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith and carried with all voting yea

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the Jefferson County Community Action Planning Council for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2013:

Christina E. Stone
20258 County Route 63
Watertown, NY 13601

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the Jefferson County Community Action Planning Council for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2013:

Stanley Zaremba
505 Franklin Street
Watertown, NY 13601

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting yea

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS on August 16, 2010 the City Council of the City of Watertown approved a bid submitted by Blue Wing Services, Inc. of St. Paul Minnesota, in the amount of \$85,940 for an interoperable communications study, and

WHEREAS on March 7, 2011 the City Council of the City of Watertown approved Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement with Blue Wing Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$14,000, and

WHEREAS on July 18, 2011 Fire Chief Dale C. Herman requested that the City Council rescind Change Order No. 1 and approve Change Order No. 2 to that contract for a zero cost change, and

WHEREAS Change Order No. 2 actually results in additional amounts being paid to Blue Wing Services, Inc., under their professional services contract in the amount of \$55,235, which amounts will be covered by existing grant monies,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby rescinds Resolution No. 6 of July 18, 2011, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby rescinds Change Order No. 1 and approves Change Order No. 2 to increase the professional services contract with Blue Wing Services, Inc. by \$55,235 for a revised total contract amount of \$141,175 and also to reallocate money from Fielding to Design in the grant for the Interoperable Communications Study to cover the increase in costs.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler reviewed the chronological order of events and asked for clarification.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that Council will rescind Change Order No. 1 and approve Change Order No. 2 to increase the professional services contract with Blue Wing Services, Inc. by \$55,235 and the majority of this amount is still covered by grant money.

Chief Dale Herman further explained that the entire grant was for \$1,000,000 and the City and County were responsible for \$100,000 each which is a 10% match. He stated that 90% of the \$55,235 would be covered by the grant and the remaining 10% would be split between the City and the County.

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS the Development Authority of the North Country has constructed, operates and maintains a water line and appurtenances to Fort Drum, New York, and on that line to other users, from a Water Treatment facility owned and operated by the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS the City, for the past twenty years, has provided water treatment services and desires to continue to deliver water from its facility through the Development Authority's water line, and

WHEREAS the Authority acknowledges and understands that based on the operating abilities of the City's current facility, the City's ability to deliver water to the Authority's line to the U.S. Army at Fort Drum, New York, is currently limited to a peak capacity of 3.0 million gallons per day (3.0 mgd) and the City's separate ability to deliver water to the Authority's line from users other than the U.S. Army at Fort Drum is currently limited to a peak capacity of .75 million gallons per day (.75 mgd), and

WHEREAS the parties have reached an Agreement for providing water treatment services for twenty (20) years, beginning October 1, 2011,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Water Treatment Agreement between the City of Watertown and the Development Authority of the North Country, a copy of said Agreement is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Mary M Corriveau is authorized and directed to execute this Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting yea

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler asked for clarification on the termination clause in the agreement. He inquired about the amount of debt that was incurred and the amount of debt that is remaining.

Mrs. Corriveau replied that the Development Authority of the North Country, DANC, owns the water pipe and the City owns the treatment plant. She stated that when the City was doing the plant expansion, Fort Drum asked the City to expand the plant to provide them with an additional 3.0 million gallons of portable water per day. She said that this part of the contract states that if there is an outstanding debt and Fort Drum terminates the contract then they are required to pay their prorated portion.

In response to Council Member Butler inquiry, Mrs. Corriveau replied that the original debt from 1990 is paid in full.

Council Member Butler asked if Fort Drum's prorated share would be paid in full at one time or over a period of time.

Attorney Bob Slye responded that the agreement addresses Fort Drum cancellation's of the contract with DANC and the money that can be collected is limited to the assets that they would recover from Fort Drum. He commented that the City could seek to enforce the rights to the water line.

Council Member Smith asked if it is 20% of the capital improvement costs and not 20 % of what is bonded.

Mrs. Corriveau answered if a capital improvement project was done in one year then the project would run through the operating budget and DANC would pay their prorated share because it is an operating cost verses a bonded capital cost. She stated that a capital expense is charged differently.

Council Member Smith asked if the project needs to be bonded in order to get DANC to pay their 20%.

Mrs. Corriveau replied that it is bonded expenses and stated if it was an expense that the City has already incurred then they would pay their prorated share of the total flow.

Council Member Butler questioned if the City would get more money back on a bonded expense then an expense paid in cash.

Attorney Slye noted that if their flow is more, then the percentage would be more and explained that the 20% is based on 3 million of the total 15 million which is 1/5th.

Council Member Smith summarized that capital expense is defined as a bonded expense in this contract and not just a capital improvement expense.

Council Member Butler asked what the liability coverage was on the water treatment facility.

Attorney Slye reminded Council not to confuse liability coverage with property damage coverage.

Mrs. Corriveau indicated that the building is insured as well as equipment and pipes.

In response to Council Member Butler, Mrs. Corriveau advised that CNA reevaluates the facilities yearly to ensure appropriate coverage exists. She stated that Mr. Nelson is involved in this process and a very close review was done this year.

Council Member Butler asked if the City uses one carrier and how often does the City shop carriers.

Attorney Slye mentioned that the City uses a broker and the broker evaluates the best deal from the carriers.

Mrs. Corriveau noted that the City has used different carriers in the past but CNA has been the carrier of choice for the past 4-5 years.

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

WHEREAS the Health Insurance Committee unanimously recommends POMCO as the City's Third Party Administrator, and

WHEREAS the City and POMCO have negotiated an extension to the Administrative Services Agreement, which was entered into effective January 1, 2008, that describes the duties and responsibilities of the parties, and

WHEREAS the term of this Agreement is for three (3) years beginning January 1, 2012 and ending on December 31, 2014, with an administrative fee of \$24.68 per enrollee per month, for the first year beginning January 1, 2012,

WHEREAS the administrative service fees for the second and third year of the Agreement will be the above fee increased by the Northeast Medical Consumer Price Index for the one year period ending September 30, 2012 and September 20, 2013 respectively, not to exceed 2.5% per year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby approves this extension to the Administrative Services Agreement between the City and POMCO, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting yea

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

WHEREAS in 2008, a Request for Proposal was issued by the City's Health Insurance Committee, reviewed and ultimately awarded a three year Agreement to ProAct, which expires on December 31, 2011, and

WHEREAS with the help of our Stop Loss Carrier the City has negotiated a new three year Agreement with ProAct, and

WHEREAS as a result of this process, the City's Health Insurance Committee unanimously recommends that the City continue to have ProAct as the City's Pharmacy Benefit Administrator, and

WHEREAS the City and ProAct have developed a Pharmacy Service Agreement that describes the duties and responsibilities of the parties, as well as the discounts and dispensing fees charged, and

WHEREAS the term of this Agreement is for three (3) years beginning January 1, 2012 and ending on December 31, 2014,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby approves this Pharmacy Benefit Services Agreement between the City and ProAct, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting yea

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler asked for a comparison between the old agreement and the new agreement.

Melanie Rarick, Fringe Benefits, explained that the new agreement is much better and stated that the percentage less than AWP (average wholesale price) is better and the dispensing fee of \$1.75 is decreased to \$1.50.

Council Member Butler asked if ProAct is doing anything to encourage the use of mail-order because it is cheaper and saves the City money.

Ms. Rarick explained that ProAct does employee education through letters and phone calls to employees taking maintenance medicine.

Mrs. Corriveau further explained that ProAct had good results in other municipalities using a phone campaign for mail-order education but the Health Insurance Committee did not want to release the employees' phone numbers. She stated that letters were sent to employees asking them to reply prior to releasing their phone number.

Ms. Rarick mentioned that ProAct also did mailings to employees using brand name medicine to encourage them to switch to generics. She noted that ProAct offered discounts and promotions to these individuals.

Council Member Butler inquired about the use of Canadian prescription programs.

Ms. Rarick commented that Pomco does not agree with the use of Canadian medications and said that the Health Insurance Committee is interested in these alternatives but there are still questions

that need to be addressed. She mentioned that there are some large counties using CANARX and they have seen good results.

Mrs. Corriveau remarked that there are issues with Medicare Part D and CANARX as well. She added that this can be reevaluated in 2014 when this contract is out to bid again.

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown desires to design and prepare plans for the rehabilitation of the filter media at the water treatment, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown Engineering Department issued an RFP and received six (6) responses, and after reviewing the responses, City Engineer Kurt W. Hauk is recommending that the City enter into an Agreement for Professional Services with CRA Infrastructure and Engineering, Inc. for engineering services,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Watertown, New York and CRA Infrastructure and Engineering, Inc., for a not to exceed amount of \$24,700, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Mary Corriveau is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City Council.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting yeas

ORDINANCES

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

WHEREAS, it appears necessary to replace complex media filters at the City of Watertown's ~~Waste~~ Water Treatment Plant, which is a Type II Action within the meaning of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and requires no environmental review thereunder; and WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the specific object or purpose of paying the cost of the replacement of complex media filters at the ~~Waste~~ Water Treatment Plant, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$600,000 bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$600,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$600,000 bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is ten years, pursuant to subdivision four of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as he shall deem best for the interests of the City, including, but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, he shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any

order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the City Comptroller shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 9. The City Comptroller is hereby further authorized, at his or her sole discretion, to execute a project financing agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and, or note issue of said City in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 10. The intent of this resolution is to give the City Comptroller sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements, instruments or to do any similar acts necessary to effect the issuance of the aforesaid bonds and, or notes, without resorting to further action of the City Comptroller.

Section 11. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of its City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

Section 12. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 13. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 14. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary in the Watertown Daily Times the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea

Motion for unanimous consent moved by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns, seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting in favor thereof

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Council discussed the following topics:

Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Disinfection System Design

Mrs. Corriveau reminded Council that Stearns and Wheler GHD performed the basis of design for the disinfection system and this was submitted to the NYSDEC. She indicated that staff is asking if they are to move forward in negotiating an agreement with Stearns and Wheler for the actual design and bid documents for the Disinfection System. She stated that it is staff recommendation to authorize this.

Council Member Smith asked for Michael Sligar's, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, opinion on this project.

Mr. Sligar responded that Stearns and Wheeler has been the consultant since 1960 and he would highly recommend continuing to work with them because they know the plant very well.

Mayor Graham asked if there is a consensus on this from the Council and Council agreed.

Mrs. Corriveau confirmed that staff will move forward with this.

October 20, 2011 Letter From NYS Small Business Development Center

Council reviewed the letter from the NYS Small Business Development Center.

The Greater Watertown North Country Chamber of Commerce – Nominations for the 60th Annual Israel A. Shapiro Citizenship Award

Mayor Graham presented the nomination procedure for the Israel A. Shapiro Citizenship Award from the Greater Watertown North Country Chamber of Commerce.

Tree Watertown Media Release

Mayor Graham reviewed the Media Release regarding the trees planted at Starbuck Elementary.

507 Cross Street

Mr. Mills clarified that Mr. Ratnaransy obtained the property on 507 Cross Street through a tax sale certificate.

Mrs. Corriveau stated that the City has taken action in the State Supreme Court to get authorization to order the owner to take this property down. She added that the front of the building is buckling out. She told Council that if the City tears the property down, this cost would be attached to the taxes and the City could go after the owner for this amount if he has other assets within the City. She reminded Council that if the City takes back the ownership of this property, then the tax payers will incur the demolish costs.

Council Member Butler asked for further explanation on the court order to tear the building down.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the court order will give the owner a time frame in which the demolition must occur and if this is not done, then the City can do it and attach the cost to the taxes that are due.

Council Member Butler asked for a description of the building.

Mrs. Corriveau replied that it is fourplex building that is only zoned for a single family home and it does not have parking. She stated that people do not live in the building now.

Attorney Slye advised that the tax sale certificate could be cancelled and the owner could be sued as long as he is a resident of the City.

Mr. Mills informed Council that the owner purchased the original tax sale certificate for approximately \$1155 and two years worth of taxes.

Mayor Graham remarked that Council should let the property continue on its present course.

111 South Orchard Street

Mrs. Corriveau informed Council that there is an existing sewer line on this property that runs in between 115 and 111 South Orchard Street. She pointed out that this individual wants to build on the property.

Mr. Mills stated that DPW and Engineering would like a 25 foot easement and the lot is only 53 feet.

Mrs. Corriveau added that there cannot be construction over the sewer line.

Mayor Graham asked if the house is going to be torn down and a new single family house is going to be built.

Mr. Mills stated it is Mr. McWayne's recommendation that the City demolish the structure.

Council Member Smith commented that he does not want to tell a private person looking to develop the property that he cannot do this due to the easement. He noted this would just leave another vacant lot in the City. He added that if this property had not fallen into disrepair and was

in a private owner's hands, the City would have to make accommodations to make repairs to the sewer line.

Mr. Mills stated that a request came from Mr. Hayes to move the sewer line to the left on the property because of chronic problems in this area.

Mrs. Corriveau suggested that Council address this property at the next meeting so that Mr. Hayes can be in attendance and express his concerns.

Fencing Zoning Amendment

Council Member Butler expressed concerns over the Planning Board's recommendations and stated there were contradictions.

Mrs. Corriveau suggested that this issue be discussed at the next meeting because she asked Mr. Mix to put together a report of the Planning Board's recommendations. She stated that once Council comes to a decision an ordinance can be drafted.

ADJOURNMENT

At the call of the chair, meeting was duly adjourned at 7:55 P.M. by motion of Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr., Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Ann M. Saunders
Deputy City Clerk